

## URGE SHIPPERS TO RUSH LOADING

Higher Demurrage Calculated to Speed Up Release of Freight Cars.

Under instructions from Washington a campaign has been started throughout the nation to secure release of freight cars to "hurry up" all freight shipments, so that general shipping conditions will soon become normal. In the premises the following telegram has been received by H. E. Hatching, representing the commission of car service in the territory of which Chattanooga is a part:

"By request of the director-general you are requested to make special campaign on all roads in your jurisdiction, to make effort through newspapers, bulletins and circulars to agencies, appeals to commercial bodies and otherwise, as may be possible to unload and release cars with utmost promptness. This is in order that railroads may immediately increase efficiency so vital to present needs."

To further the prompt unloading the following order has also been issued by W. G. McDoo, director-general of railroads:

"Twenty-four hours (one day) free time on cars held for any other purpose permitted by tariff."

"Demurrage charges per car per day or fraction of a day until car is released" as follows: Three dollars for the first day, \$4 for the second day, and for each succeeding additional day the charge to be increased \$1 in excess of that for the preceding day until a maximum charge of \$10 per car per day shall be reached on the eighth day of detention beyond free time, the charge thereafter to be \$10 per car per day or fraction thereof. These charges will supersede all those named in existing tariffs applicable to domestic freight, and specifically contemplate the cancellation of all average agreement provisions of existing tariffs."

"No change is authorized hereby to be made in demurrage rules, regulations and charges applying to foreign export freight awaiting ships at export points."

Under the high demurrage rates manufacturers will pay dearly for extra time that they hold cars. The raising of this rate is one of the most important steps taken to stimulate the prompt unloading of shipments."

Numerous other changes are being made to relieve congestion. On the L. & N. a large number of the Sunday passenger trains have been taken from the schedules. The engines that pulled these trains are turned to the hauling of freight. Sunday is the day that brings no more freight into the yards and the day that railroads will use to clear up the congestion between the yards."

Probably as a step to taking off passenger trains running into Chattanooga, diners and observation cars will be discontinued except on some of the fastest trains. In taking off these cars others can be carried in their stead that will greatly reduce the crowded condition of all trains. Much has been said about cutting off passenger trains so that the engines could be used for freight. A supreme effort is being made to get freight shipments back to normal. Once the conditions are cleared officials think that it will not be difficult to keep the yards open."

Chattanooga has experienced few changes since the government took over the roads. Persons who expected wholesale discharges have been disappointed. The one great thing that government ownership has done is the pooling of all equipment. "Railroaders" are of the opinion that this is the most that can be done, along with the movement to keep cars constantly in use instead of letting them get lost on sidings. Already freight movements out of Chattanooga are getting better and manufacturers are cheerful over the outlook. With the high demurrage charge the condition will improve more."

## WIFE OF SOLDIER HAS DISAPPEARED

It has been reported to the local police department that Mrs. Randolph, wife of Larry Randolph, of the Fifty-third infantry band, started from Chattanooga to Fort Oglethorpe Friday evening about 5 o'clock to meet her husband and has not been heard from. The police have been asked to assist in locating her. She is described as being 5 feet, 1-1/2 inches tall and light complexioned. She was wearing a blue silk dress and a heavy plush coat with fur collar.

## CREDITS TO ALLIES NOW TOTAL \$4,238,400,000.

Washington, Jan. 12.—Total credits to the allies were raised today to \$4,238,400,000 when Secretary McAdoo authorized a loan of \$2,000,000 to Serbia, making Serbia's total \$6,000,000.

## WAS RUNDOWN AND HAD A COLD

Her Lungs Would Also Hurt Her at Times.

FEELS BETTER EVERY WAY

Has Only Taken a Half Bottle and Says It Is a Wonderful Medicine.

"I was all run down and had a very bad cold and my lungs hurt me," says Miss Alice Wain, who lives at 1710 South Baldwin street, Chattanooga, Tennessee, in her statement dated Oct. 19, 1917. "After taking a half bottle of Lung-Vita I feel much better and my cold is gone. My lungs do not hurt me now and I surely think 'Lung-Vita' is a wonderful medicine. I feel better in every way. I want to recommend Lung-Vita to all persons suffering with colds or lung trouble."

"The cold, damp winds of the late fall and winter chill you through and through. This frequently gives you a cold. Break the cold before it causes trouble. It will take only three or four doses of Lung-Vita to do it. Lung-Vita is sold by druggists and dealers.—(Ad.)"

## OLD ADAGE ABOUT SWAPPING HORSES DOESN'T SCARE WHITAKER

So He Virtually Announces Himself as a Candidate for Congress Against Moon—County Democratic Committee Calls Judicial Primary for March 15.

Atty.-Gen. M. N. Whitaker, in a ringing and eloquent address to the Hamilton county democratic executive committee, virtually declared himself a candidate for congress from the Third congressional district to succeed Congressman John A. Moon. The general stated that if the people of Hamilton county were satisfied with his administration as their attorney-general and called him to things higher up he would loudly answer the call to arms and fill the office to which he was called to the very best of his ability. He said that it was all rot about not swapping horses in the middle of the stream and an exchange should be made when the people saw that the horse they had was broken down, sway-backed and balky. He stated that the people at the coming election were going to sweep the halls of congress of all timid and lazy congressmen, as well as all the pacifists. "There is no time to dilly and dally," said Gen. Whitaker, "and those who have not stood behind and fought every inch of ground for their country and their president should be thrown from office by overwhelming defeat. And it will be done," Gen. Whitaker said in substance.

**WILLING TO SERVE.**

"Mr. Chairman and gentlemen of the Hamilton county executive committee, had I known when I came here that there was going to be so much wrangling about my successor as attorney-general I would have taken the place myself and ended it. But, really, gentlemen, speaking seriously, this is probably the last time in my official capacity that I shall have the occasion to address you, and it is with much regret that I turn back the office to the good democrats whom I have for two years represented, and I have served the people faithfully and well and they might want me for things higher up, and I am ready. My retiring from this office in no way means my retiring from active work in the interest of democracy, and I shall always be found right in front supporting the democratic ticket. I want to fight and shall do so actively until this horrible war is over and the kaiser is beaten and democracy triumphs over Prussianism. If the people see larger fields for me, I want to serve them. I will serve the dear-learned boys in the trenches as well as the good people left behind."

**New Deal Coming.**

"The next election is going to sweep congress of all two-sided, timid, worn-out, afraid men, for they have hindered rather than helped win the war for the glorious cause for which our boys are so bravely battling. The people are going to throw from the halls of congress every man who has talked or whispered against our president, who have failed locally as well as nationally and who have done all they could to obstruct our way to victory. They are going to fire from congress by their right and freedom of ballot every timid, every careless and every sluggish congressman. They are going to fire the pacifist, body and soul, for a government could not have a worse enemy, along with him goes the man who has not the nerve or conviction to back up his judgment by his vote. This tommyrot about swapping horses in the middle of the stream makes me sick, and the people will make the exchange every time the horse they have is worn out, sway-backed, baky and balky. If you want me, boys, I am willing to serve you and fight until the last trench is captured and the kaiser and the war lords of Europe are whipped into submission."

"I want to take this occasion, gentlemen, to say that it is indeed regretful to me in retiring from the office of attorney-general, to sever my official connections with Judge S. D. McReynolds, who, I think, is the right man in the right place. I leave the judge with the very kindest feelings, for he is the best criminal judge I think I ever saw. He has at times allowed me the privilege to operate with a free reign, and I have injected into many a case some friendly repartee merely in order to cheer and lighten the gloom that accompanies criminal procedure. I assume the judge will have no opposition, and I hope he does not, but if he does he knows where to find me. He is a judge who carries his heart in the decision of every case assigned before him. One of the biggest lawyers at the bar recently said to me: 'Judge McReynolds fitted in his job just like he was made for it.' Sam Mac, you are all right, and a bully good fellow."

## CHANCELLOR TO BE NAMED FEB. 9

Immediately following the meeting of the Hamilton county executive committee, a meeting of the committee for the third chancery division was held for the purpose of fixing the time and arrangements for the nomination of a chancellor for the district and the selection of a chancery committee. The meeting was called to order by its chairman, J. L. Foust. All members of the committee were present with the exception of W. R. Grabtree, who is out of the city. The committee, which was in session only a few minutes, adopted the following resolution:

"Pursuant to a motion which was unanimously adopted at a regular call meeting of the democratic executive committee of the third chancery division, I hereby call a mass convention of the democrats of the third chancery division to meet in the assembly room at the courthouse in Chattanooga, Tennessee, at 10:30 o'clock on Saturday, Feb. 9, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for chancellor and selecting a committee for said division."

"J. LON FOUST, Chairman."

## SPEAKING CAMPAIGN FOR THRIFT STAMPS

T. R. Preston, state director of the war savings committee, will speak in Lebanon Sunday on the thrift campaign. In the afternoon he will address the railroad Y. M. C. A. in Nashville. Richard Hardy will speak in Winchester. He will be accompanied by Capt. Johnson, who was in the second battle of Ypres and who has "gone over the top" many times.

## GEN. M. N. WHITAKER



Hamilton County's Popular Attorney-General Virtually Throws His Hat in Congressional Ring.

## FIGHT OVER DATE OF PRIMARIES

Candidates for Attorney-General Charge Judicial Candidates Play Politics.

The Hamilton county democratic executive committee met Saturday morning at the courthouse and adopted resolutions calling for a primary to be held March 15 for the nominating of candidates for circuit judge, criminal judge and attorney-general.

The resolution, which was read by John J. Lively, was met with a hot but short-lived fight by T. Pope Shepherd and Thomas S. Myers, candidates for attorney-general, who insisted that those who had drawn the resolution had done so for personal and selfish motives and that it was unfair, as the time set for the primary would not enable them to get a chance to see the people.

Both Mr. Myers and Mr. Shepherd stated that March 15 was always bitter weather and would not only give the candidates a chance to call on the people but was the soft of weather that voters would not face.

Mr. Myers, in a hot speech, charged that those behind the resolution were attempting to "kaiserize" democracy, and that a "soap-box" primary was against every principle of the party.

Mr. Shepherd stated that he understood that Judge S. D. McReynolds and Oscar Yarnell, candidates for the judgeship, and unopposed, were behind the resolution and were supporting it so that the offices they sought could be handed them without opposition and on a silver platter. He said they were in favor of the resolution for the reason that they both wanted opposition closed if such a thing might present itself.

"Further," Mr. Shepherd stated, "it is all rot about not wanting to mix the judiciary with politics by having an early and separate primary, for the very resolution itself shows politics."

## NOW OPEN B. F. KEITH'S

## TOMORROW—PICTURES ONLY DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS

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Joe Browning Comedy Entertainer.

Helen Vincent Singing Comedienne.

Columbia & Victor Dancing Comedy.

## SUPREME VAUDEVILLE

and the judges are politicians like the rest of us and after the jobs they seek for the same reason as other candidates."

He stated that he did not see what interest either Mr. Yarnell or Judge McReynolds had in the time of the primaries, as neither of them had or would have opposition.

**Opposed to Snap Primaries.**

Judge McReynolds then was recognized by the chair and he stated that, in justice to himself and on account of the remarks made by Mr. Shepherd and Mr. Myers, that he had drawn the resolution and, after consulting every one, inserted the name of the primary as March 15. He stated that any time for the primary would suit him and he wanted the committee to fix any time that would suit them. "I don't want any snap primary," said the judge, but I want a time set for this primary that is fair and impartial to all concerned."

Mr. Yarnell said that he felt as Judge McReynolds did; that any time would suit him for a primary and that he did not, as had been charged, want a "soap-box" primary.

**Dated Fixed March 15.**

Eugene Bryan then moved that the date of the convention be changed to April 30, and after a short talk supporting the resolution as it stood by John J. Lively, the motion of Mr. Bryan was, upon motion of Fred Prewley, tabled unanimously and the original motion passed.

Senator Cummings stated that anything that was the pleasure of the committee was his pleasure and that any time suited him. After the resolution was passed Gen. M. N. Whitaker was called on for a speech. The remarks of Gen. Whitaker are published elsewhere in the paper.

The resolution is as follows:

Resolved, by the Hamilton county democratic executive committee, that a primary election be, and the same is hereby ordered to be held at the several voting precincts of Hamilton county, Tenn., on Wednesday, March 15, 1918, for the purpose of nominating a democratic candidate for each of the following offices: (1) Circuit judge of the Sixth judicial circuit; (2) criminal judge of the Sixth judicial circuit; and (3) district attorney-general of the Sixth judicial circuit; to be voted for at the August, 1918, election.

"Be it further resolved, that all candidates for the democratic nomination for each of the offices named shall qualify by presenting their names to the secretary of this committee on or before noon, Saturday, Feb. 8, 1918, and shall be required to deposit with said secretary when their names are presented the sum of \$100, which shall be used for the purpose of defraying the expense of holding said primary election."

"Be it further resolved, that in the event only one candidate shall qualify for the office of circuit judge, then no election shall be held for that office; and in the event only one candidate shall qualify for the office of criminal judge, then no election shall be held for that office; and should only one candidate qualify for the office of district attorney-general, then in that event no election shall be held for that office; but this committee shall meet on Saturday, Feb. 15, 1918, and if it

## BARR CHILDREN.

Upon recommendation of the military health officials at Fort Oglethorpe, Commissioner H. D. Huffaker, through the city department of fire and police, has issued orders barring all children under 16 years of age from attending picture shows and theaters until further orders on account of cerebrospinal meningitis.

shall appear that only one candidate has qualified for any particular office, the committee shall declare such candidate the nominee for that office. In case only one candidate qualifies for each office, then all of the candidates so qualifying shall be declared the democratic nominees for the particular office for which they have qualified. In case more than one candidate shall qualify on or before the day named for any particular office, then this committee will appoint a committee to have charge of said primary election for that particular office only, and will pass such rules and regulation as may be deemed proper for conducting the same."

## NO ACTION IN MILK PROBLEM

Commissioner H. D. Huffaker promises the dairymen that he will not require them to pasteurize milk until April 1.

Upon the request of the commissioner of public health, the dairymen met Saturday morning at the courthouse for a conference in regard to the milk regulations that have been presented to Mr. Huffaker to pass on by the United States health officials. After discussing the situation, a committee was appointed by S. R. Read, president of the Hamilton County Cow Testing association, to meet with the city health officials and work out plans by which the dairymen and city authorities may co-operate. The committee named was: Fletcher Morgan, chairman; Quintus Shepherd, J. W. Meadows, J. Kellerhall and E. H. Englehart.

## RESTRICT FUEL SUPPLY NONESSENTIAL PLANTS

New York, Jan. 12.—Restrictions of the fuel supply of certain nonessential industries in the district embracing New England, New York, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland, was agreed upon as necessary at a conference held today between P. B. Noyes, head of the conservation division of the federal fuel administration; Albert H. Wiggin, state fuel administrator, and city officials.

## Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

## MANY OUT OF COAL SWAMP YARDS WITH BASKET AND SCUTTLE

The trouble of getting teamsters to deliver fuel became most critical Saturday. Dealers received call after call from domestic consumers wanting coal. They had the supply in the yards, but no one to deliver it.

In one yard there were ten people at one time Saturday with wheelbarrows, coal scuttles and boxes waiting to get a supply. Men were waiting in the office and drays were waiting on the outside. The situation looked serious. In fact, the administrator says he won't be surprised at any time to see the people carrying it home in lumps.

## LABORER MEETS WITH PAINFUL ACCIDENT

George Thompson, an employee of the Bible Sand company, sustained a broken leg late Friday afternoon in a fall on a river boat. He was sent to Erlanger hospital in Wann's ambulance, where he received medical attention.

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TOMORROW—MONDAY—TUESDAY



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